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SUBJECT: TERRORIST INCIDENT - SITREP 5

REF: MANAGUA 4982

1. ARCHBISHOP OF MANAGUA AND PAPAL NUNCIO MET FROM 4:00 -
7:00 PM THIS EVENING WITH FLSN TERRORISTS IN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE
TERMS FOR RELEASE OF REMAINING 13 HOSTAGES. BOTH PRELATES REPORT
TERRORISTS ARE INSISTENT ON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR PRESENT
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DEMANDS, WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING: (1) \$5 MILLION RANSOM (2) ALL

HOSTAGES TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO CUBA (3) ARCHBISHOP AND PAPA NUNCIO ALSO TO ACCOMPANY FLIGHT (4) PUBLICATION OF FIVE PAGE FLSN PROP-AGANDA DOCUMENT IN ALL THREE OF NICARAGUA'S MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, AND (5) THAT 880 CONVAIR JET BE PROVIDED FOR FLIGHT FROM NICARAGUA. MAIN STICKING POINT IS FSLN INSISTENCE THAT HOSTAGES ACCOMPANY ARMED TERRORISTS ON FLIGHT. SOMOZA RELUCTANT TO ACCEDE FOR FEAR OF HOSTAGES' LIVES.

2. WITH REST OF CHIEFS OF MISSION IN MANAGUA, I MET WITH SOMOZA MOST OF THE DAY. MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES FEEL STRONGLY THAT GON SHOULD NOT TURN OVER THE \$5 MILLION RANSOM FOR FEAR THAT THIS WILL STIMULATE CHAIN REACTION OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT SOMOZA IS, IF NECESSARY, PREPARED TO AND WILL TURN OVER FULL AMOUNT OF RANSOM ESPECIALLY IF FSLN RELENTS ON QUESTION OF HOSTAGES.

3. ARCHBISHOP AND NUNCIO WILL RETURN FOR ANOTHER NEGOTIATION SESSION WITH TERRORISTS AT 11:00 PM TONIGHT. MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT IF THE TERRORISTS INSIST SOMOZA WILL RELUCTANTLY GIVE IN ALTHOUGH HE WILL PROBABLY SEEK EXTENSION OF DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE.

4. THROUGH HIS GOVERNMENT'S EMBASSY IN HAVANA, SPANISH AMBASSADOR OBTAINED CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S CLEARANCE FOR PLANE TO LAND IN CUBA. SPANISH EMBASSY HAVANA ALSO RECEIVED, I UNDERSTAND, PERSONAL ASSURANCE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA THAT PLANE WOULD RETURN EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THAT HOSTAGES WOULD BE ABOARD.

5. MANAGUA AND REST OF COUNTRY ARE QUIET. A LARGE CROWD INCLUDING LOCAL AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN GATHERED NEAR SITE OF INCIDENT THIS AFTERNOON BUT DISPERSED WITH NIGHTFALL. RADIO AND TV STATIONS CONTINUE LIMITING COVERAGE OF INCIDENT TO GON RELEASES. LA PRENSA PUBLISHED BUT WITH IMPOSITION OF CENSORSHIP CARRIED NO NEWS REGARDING FSLN TERRORISTS. NOVEDADES IN CONTRAST HAD FULSOME COVERAGE, AND EVEN PUBLISHED EXTRA EDITION ENTIRELY DEDICATED TO INCIDENT WITH NUMEROUS LOCAL AND WIRE SERVICE STORIES.
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